Bharat Darshan trains during the Nehru Centenary Year

1839. SHRI ANAND PRAICASH GAUTAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to run few 'Bharat Darshan' trains during the Nehru Centenary year; and

(b) if so, the dates of their departure and arrival including the places where these trains will halt and the amount to be changed from each passenger on account of fare and meals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Earning of Railways through advertisements

1840. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the earning of the Railways through advertisements published in the Railway Time Tables zonewise during the last financial year; and

(b) what are the corresponding figures of earning of railways through this item during the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 zonewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Construction of level crossing bridges

1841. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of level crossing bridges constructed during the last financial year zonewise;

(b) what is the number of level crossing bridges proposed to be constructed during the current financial year and during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92 zonewise; and

(c) what is the estimated cost of construction of the proposed bridges ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The reference, perhaps, relates to the construction of road-over/ under-bridges in replacement of busy level crossings which the Railways undertake jointly with the State Governments. Six such bridges were constructed during 1988-89, three on Northern Railway and one each on Central, Northeast Frontier and Western Railways.

(b) Proposals for 14 road-over/ under-bridges in replacement of busy level crossings have been included in the Railways' Works Programme 1989-90, six on Northern Railway, two each on Southern and Western Railways and one each on Central, North Eastern, South Central and South Eastern Railways.

Besides, 126 such works sanctioned earlier are in various stages of progress and their completion will mainly depend on the completion of the bridge approaches by the State Governments. Proposals for inclusion of such works for the years 1990-91 and 1991-92 have not yet been finalised.

(c) The approximate cost of 14 road-over/under-bridges included in the Railways' Works Programme 1989-90 is Rs. 54.20 crores.